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# A catch of a different kind



WALL OF FAME: Co-owner Larry Richardson shows some of the Billy Bass hanging from the ceiling of the Flying Fish Restaurant in Dallas. Photo by David J. Sams.

## Eatery reels in popular fish plaque, memories

By CRAIG NYHUS

Remember the "Billy Bass?"

Many of the singing, head-moving fish plaques have found a new home

at the "Billy Bass Adoption Center" located at the Flying Fish Restaurants.

The first Flying Fish, a southern Cajun restaurant, began in Little Rock in 2002. Shannon Wynne, one

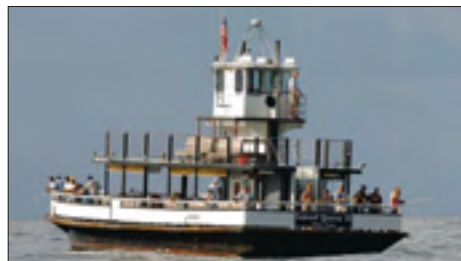
of the owners, came up with the idea to "retire" the toys by hanging them on the restaurant wall. When the Flying Fish opened in Dallas' Preston Center in February of 2004, "the investors and family members hung

eight Billy Bass," said co-owner Larry Richardson.

The craze took off from there, and now more than 300 "retired" Billy Bass grace the walls and are even

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## OFFSHORE VARIETY



THE CHASE IS ON: The *Island Queen II*, a party boat fishing off the jetties, is catching a variety of fish.

## Party boats seeing more species caught

A greater variety of offshore species are being caught on party boats in the Gulf of Mexico this spring.

With the reduced red snapper limits, reaching the two-fish limit per customer has become an easier task. A new fad is developing this year — to the benefit of customers — as some of the ports' party boats

are moving around and chasing more and different fish.

The *Captain John* boat out of Galveston's Pier 19 reported, it had not seen any effect from the reduced snapper limit.

"Our customer base is primarily from tourism," said Patrick Lemire, of Saltwater Adventures in Galveston. "A

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## Entomologists put sting in fire ants

Virus in works to eradicate pesty colonies

By DARLENE MCCORMICK SANCHEZ

Fire ants — the scourge of man and beast in Texas and throughout the South — could be laid low by none other than a tiny virus.

Researchers at the U.S.



NOT WELCOMED: The fire ant haunts wildlife, livestock, hunters and ranchers.

Department of Agriculture's Center for Medical, Agricultural and Veterinary Entomology in

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## CONSERVATION

## HELPING THE TRINITY

## Rural ranchers pitch in to aid river, wetlands



**TRINITY TERRAIN:** The North Texas Municipal Water District is constructing a massive wetland, above, on the Rosewood Ranch near Seagoville. The wetland is being constructed on the East Fork of the Trinity River, southeast of downtown Dallas. The system will filter sediment from the water after it is used and treated in the urban area. The headwaters of the Trinity River, at right, in Texas begin northwest of Dallas-Fort Worth near the Oklahoma state line. This scene is from Clear Creek, one of the river's forks in Montague County. Photos by Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.



Jim Cathey dipped a bottle into the Trinity River and held it up to the sun. The water was as murky as chocolate milk.

A few minutes later and a few miles away, he dipped another container into water from the Trinity that flowed through a manufactured wetland.

"It's like bottled water that you'd find in a convenience store," Cathey said.

Though the water wasn't ready to drink, its clarity helped Cathey prove a point to a visiting team of ecologists and researchers from the Texas Cooperative Extension. Wetlands naturally filter sediment and

chemicals from the water, he said.

Cathey, an Extension wildlife specialist, and the team visited the Richland-Chambers wetlands this spring on a tour of the Trinity.

They set out on the three-day journey to examine rural landowners' efforts to improve the river.

Cathey also is leading educational efforts for a state project to rehabilitate the river.

The river is a primary water source for 8.9 million residents, according to the water resources institute.

With its headwaters northwest of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the Trinity extends 512 miles to Galveston Bay. Nearly 2,000 miles of its tributaries drain 11.5 million acres.

At Richland-Chambers, about 80 miles southeast of Dallas, two agencies have teamed up to rebuild more than 200 acres of wetlands to be used as a natural filter.

The agencies — Tarrant Regional Water District and Texas Parks and Wildlife — intend to eventually restore wetlands on 2,000 acres in the Richland Creek Wildlife Management area.

There, water from the Trinity will

be pumped into the restored wetlands. The water will eventually be piped into the Richland-Chambers Reservoir.

The river has suffered from decades of poor land management along its banks, Cathey said.

Ranchers and farmers cleared the land for cattle grazing and cotton long ago, he said. With few trees

and other vegetation to slow storm water drainage, runoff flows too quickly over the land and into the creek, eroding the banks along the way. Conditions are similar all along the Trinity.

The river also has been degraded by sewage and treated effluent from the

Dallas-Fort Worth area.

But communities and hundreds of other property owners along the river are counting on the state's effort to improve the Trinity's ecosystem and water quality. The plan, called the Trinity River Basin Environmental Restoration Initiative, was announced by Gov. Rick Perry in September 2005.

Two agencies of the Texas A&M University System are leading the river's restoration initiative. The Texas Water Resources Institute will coordinate urban projects. And the Institute for Renewable Natural Resources will manage rural efforts. Both agencies are units of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension.

The state is also counting on help from property owners, Cathey said. They are able to do things the state cannot, such as reintroduce native plants and wildlife on private land along the river.

They also can restore wetlands, which would help clean the river, he said.

"To say the Trinity is important is an understatement," Cathey said. *A Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension report.*

**'To say the Trinity is important is an understatement.'**

— JIM CATHEY

## NATIONAL

Free fish? Buyer beware  
Guilty plea for sale of protected aquatic life

An Arkansas man has avoided potential felony prosecution by pleading guilty to two Class A misdemeanors in Illinois.

Rex A. Curtis, doing business as The Arkansas Fish Hatchery of Hot Springs, pleaded guilty in an Illinois courtroom to one count of attempted wire fraud and one count of unlawful offer for sale of protected aquatic life.

He was ordered to pay \$5,000 in penalties plus \$383 in court costs. He also was placed on six months conditional discharge.

In addition, Curtis also agreed to surrender any licenses he held with the State of Illinois, particularly the Department of Natural Resources, and forfeited all of his seized fish. Curtis also agreed not to do business or transport any aquatic life in Illinois for life.

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission assistant chief of fisheries Don Brader said all fish from AGFC hatcheries are stocked into public waters of the state for recreational anglers. "In any case where someone is advertising free fish, we would encourage the reader to practice the old adage 'buyer

beware' as very few things in this day and time are truly free," he said.

The Illinois case started in September 2005 when an investigator observed an ad in a local newspaper advertising "free fish" and "Florida strain largemouth bass."

A follow-up undercover sting operation resulted. A sampling of the suspected largemouth bass Curtis had imported were seized and tested at the Illinois Natural History Survey Lab in Champaign, Ill. The fish tested positive as a Florida-Northern largemouth hybrid.

"These fish generated some concern in the biological community because Florida bass are a warm water bass and may bring in various parasites that could adversely affect our Northern largemouth," said Tim Sickmeyer, Acting Chief of Investigations for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This is especially alarming in the wake of the ongoing battle the IDNR is having with LMV (Largemouth bass virus). All of the fish seized were destroyed so as not to risk contaminating native populations, Sickmeyer said.

"Mr. Curtis had advertised all over the State of Illinois promising free fish and bass ready for catching, which was not the case," Sickmeyer said. Curtis also had advertised grass carp, which requires a restricted species permit that he did not have.

The attempted wire fraud charge stemmed from Curtis' phone conversations with an undercover officer in which Curtis made claims about his fish that were not true. "Mr. Curtis offered free fish in his advertisement, but then informed would-be buyers it was a "buy one — get one free" offer," Sickmeyer said. "Mr. Curtis also would not let the consumer order what they wanted, but instead would tell the customer what he thought they needed, which was a substantially larger number of fish."

Curtis also claimed the fish would be ready to catch in a matter of weeks when in reality he was selling fingerlings that were about three inches long.

*An Arkansas Game and Fish Commission report.*

Elephant kills  
safari's firm owner

Christo Kaiser, 40, owner of Unico Hunting Safaris in South Africa, was killed Friday, May 11, in Botswana.

Kaiser was observing an elephant hunt, when the elephant got spooked and charged in his direction, killing him almost instantly. Because he was an observer, he was unharmed.

Kaiser will be missed by the Austin Chapter of Safari Club International, where he was loved for his great stories, kind donations and wonderful exhibitions since the chapter's inception.

Kaiser is survived by his wife, Tania, three daughters, Talya, Lane and Christi, his mother, grandmother, brother and two sisters.

SCI Austin will be setting up a fund for his family at its upcoming fundraiser. Donations for the benefit can be coordinated with Stephanie Wotrich at steph-wotrich@austin.rr.com or (512) 694-0387.



CHRISTO KAISER

## HUNTING

## WHITETAIL BONANZA

It costs \$10 per entry to enter to win one of seven Big Time Texas Hunts (including the Grand Slam, Premium Buck Hunt, Waterfowl Adventure, Exotic Safari, Big Time Bird Hunt, Whitetail Bonanza and Gator Hunt). The entry fees benefit conservation efforts. For more information, call (800) 895-4248. Entry forms will be available Aug. 15.

## Texan, son on target Big Time

BY MARY HELEN AGUIRRE



**A 10-POINT DAY:** Kevin Wallace Hughes, a winner in the Texas Whitetail Bonanza, holds the 10-point, 130-pounder he shot in the South Texas Brush Country. Photo by Grant Hughes.

Kevin Wallace Hughes of Spring started hunting at his dad's side in the '50s. His father, said Hughes, especially loved to hunt squirrels and birds. By the age of 8 or so, Hughes had taken his first deer.

So when he was notified he had won a three-day white-tailed deer hunt for himself and a guest, it was a given he would invite one of his two sons.

Hughes was one of 10 winners of the Texas Whitetail Bonanza. The deer hunt is one of several Big Time Texas Hunts offered by Texas Parks and Wildlife each year by drawing.

It was his youngest son, Grant, 18, a community college freshman with free time in

mid-December who accompanied his dad. Hughes has taken sons Nicholas, 21, and Grant camping, fishing and hunting since they were 4 or 5 years old.

"It's part of being a well-rounded person," Hughes said.

On a Tuesday morning, father and son drove about five hours to the Gates Ranch near Cotulla. The ranch, 30 thousand acres of South Texas Brush country that straddles Webb and Dimmitt counties, is home to such animals as white-tailed deer, javelina, feral hogs, quail and dove.

They were guided by Ernie Davis, owner of Cheyenne Outfitters, and David Synatzke. Davis has participated in the TPW hunts for about the past six years.

"They were very obliging. Very patient," said Hughes of the two guides.

By the next morning — about 30 minutes after sunup — Hughes had his buck.

"The rut was going good. The deer were moving. I watched them for 15 to 20 minutes," Hughes said.

When he spotted a 10-pointer, Hughes took aim with his Ruger 7 mag and took down the 130-pound deer.

Then Davis called them about a big buck and two does he'd spotted by a big knoll. It was Grant Hughes' turn.

"The buck ran. My son dropped him at about 400 yards. It was a perfect shot," Hughes said.

Grant Hughes took the 150-pound buck with the Ruger his dad had bought him just before their hunting trip.

"He grinned from ear to ear and then

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# If you plant, dove will come, but ...

## Be aware of federal regulations on where to shoot

BY BILL MILLER

Landowners in three East Texas counties are rethinking how they plant winter wheat on the eve of dove season.

If they don't, they could face citations from federal law enforcement officials.

Texas game wardens and special agents from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are teaming up to educate land owners regarding federal rules on planting fields that draw doves in the fall.

Jefferson County Game Warden Robbie Smith said the rules have been in place for years, but they weren't common knowledge in his county or in Liberty and Chambers counties.

That became apparent recently when Smith and USFW Special Agent Jeff Odom filed a case against a Jefferson County landowner.

"All these farmers know each other and they started asking us, 'Hey, what's going on?'" Smith said. "So the U.S. attorney said to Jeff, 'Let's do a meeting on this.'"

The two law enforcement officers hosted the meeting May 8 in Beaumont.

Speakers included agriculture extension agents from the three counties.

Also attending was Dr. Larry Redmon, a professor at Texas A&M University who specializes in forage issues for the Texas Cooperative Extension Service.

The speakers addressed a wide range of issues, Smith said.

For example, he explained, farmers commonly know hunters can



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**BAIT AND HUNT:** Hunters and landowners should make sure recently plowed and seeded fields are legal hunting areas.

## Points of interest: Record-setting antlers on display in Waco

BY MÓNICA ORTIZ URIBE

Droughts tend to bring out the worst of nature.

But when it came to receding water levels at Lake Waco two winters ago, drought conditions exposed a record-setting pair of deer antlers that can be considered a genuine wonder of nature.

The antlers belonged to a mature nontypical whitetail deer. They are the largest antlers on record found in McLennan

County, according to the Boone and Crockett Club, the oldest hunter conservation group in North America.

The antlers were discovered in December 2005 by Cindy Parongao, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers volunteer, while she was searching for a new fishing hole near the twin bridges area.

Land around the lake is protected from hunting, allowing deer to live longer and grow larger antlers, said Jerry Delgado, a Texas Parks and Wildlife game warden.

The antlers are on display at the Lake Waco Wetlands Research and Education Center.

Keith Balfour, marketing director at the Boone and Crockett Club headquarters in Montana, said the antlers were a "very significant" find.

Based on a set of thorough measurements by Boone and Crockett officials, the antlers scored 224 and two-eighths points, making them the 21st largest on record in the state of

See **ANTLERS**, Page 14



**IN THE RECORDS:** Nora Schell of Lake Waco Wetlands holds up a record-setting pair of nontypical whitetail deer antlers found at Lake Waco in 2005. The rack scored 224 2/8 B&C points. Photo by Rod Aydelotte.



# Turkey hunts spotty, but future bright

## Mother Nature setting stage for a promising 2008 show

BY CRAIG NYHUS

A poor hatch from last season after two years of drought hurt much of the public land turkey hunting this season, but prospects for 2008 are brighter.

On private lands, many hunters who took the time to scout, as well as spend extra hours and days in the field, were able to bring home a gobbler.

Reports from North Texas were good the first week of the season, but several storms, including the Easter storms, shut down hunting success, and shut up the gobblers for many.

In South Texas, good numbers of adult birds helped make up for low jake numbers, and hunters reported good late-season success.

Chip Ruthven is the area manager for the Gene Howe WMA near Canadian and the Matador WMA near Paducah.

"We had a youth hunt and a regular-season hunt at each," he said. "At the Gene Howe, one of the four youths killed a gobbler, and at the adult hunt, four of 18 hunters were successful."

Hunters fared better at the Matador WMA. "We only had two youths, but they both killed a turkey. The regular season hunt had a 75 percent success rate, with 12 of 16 hunters killing a gobbler."

"We had virtually no reproduction last year," Ruthven said. "We didn't have any young birds, and no one reported seeing a jake."

Next years prospects are much different. "It's looking great now, he said. "We should see a lot of poults this year."

At the James E. Daughtrey WMA in McMullen County surrounding Choke Canyon Reservoir, two public hunts were held. "We had 15 hunters at each of our youth and adult hunts, and one hunter was successful at each," said Area Manager David Synatzske. "The last two years we had severe drought, but everything is really improved this year. We've had 18 inches of rain since September, and we have a lot of insects right now and more seed-producing plants."

Guided hunts and private land hunters worked harder than in past years, but reported good results.



**HAPPY HUNTING:** A successful hunter leaves with his gobbler taken on an Atascosa County field.

Paul Johnson of Vinegarroon Wildlife near Del Rio brought in 10 hunters this season, and each was successful. Johnson is happy with the new regulations that will open turkey season a week later in South Texas next year. "The first few weeks were tough, and most of the birds were henned-up," he said. "The season really starts too early down here, but in the third week of the season things got real good. Now they're gobbling their heads off."

Johnson is also excited for next year. "We had a real poor hatch last year," he said. "But now we have forbs up to our knees and with the cool spring, things are

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## FISHING

# Fiesty fish in full spawn

## Bring out the fly-rod, it's bream time

By JON WALLACE

Many fly anglers are day-dreaming about their upcoming annual trout fishing trips to the mountains of Colorado or New Mexico.

But great fly-fishing action abounds right now in Texas as the bluegill spawn is occurring.

Certain panfish are referred to as bluegill, redear (commonly called shellcrackers), pumpkinseed, redbreast, green and longear sunfish, as well as warmouth (also called goggle-eye). Texans tend to lump all of these

fish together and call them "bream."

"When the water temperature warms to near 70 degrees, panfish begin the process of procreating their species," said Tom Hungerford, fisheries biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife. "Look for the telltale signs of differing colored spots in the shallows — one- to two-foot diameter indentions on sandy or gravelly areas near weeds."

"Bream are a very prolific species and can spawn several times from late spring to the end of the summer,"

Hungerford said. "In Texas, large bream can readily be found on private tanks or small ponds located on area farms or ranches which can provide consistent action."

Bream also are found in abundance in area reservoirs, slower moving warm water streams, creeks and rivers, he said.

Fly-fishing offers the ability to scale your tackle down to offer maximum rod-bending action. "While most people that enjoy the sport of fly-fishing own a 5-weight fly rod outfit for their annual trout fishing

See BREAM, Page 13



**BLUEGILL BEAUTY:** Dr. Norman Tremblay shows a chunky bluegill he caught on a fly. Photo by Jon Wallace.

# DRAWING ATTENTION



**THE YOUNG AT ART:** Stanislav Nedzelskiy, of Keller, was among the winners in the 2007 State-Fish Art Contest with an acrylic drawing of two Guadalupe bass titled "The Underwater Meeting."

## Artistic youth across the state have flair for fish

**W**inners in the Texas division of the 2007 State-Fish Art Contest have been announced by Wildlife Forever and the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center.

First place in the grades 4-6 category went to Stanislav Nedzelskiy of Keller, a home-schooled sixth-grader. His acrylic drawing of two Guadalupe bass is titled "The Underwater Meeting."

Nedzelskiy was born in Ukraine, and his family emigrated when he was a 1 year old. "He speaks both Russian and English," said his mother, Lilianna. "He started drawing when he was three, and he also won an International contest for a painting in the category 'My Favorite Sport,' and will go to Washington, D.C., for that contest in June."

**'By sharing their fish art with family, friends and the general public, our young people are becoming ambassadors for the good stewardship of fish and wildlife habitat.'**

— DOUGLAS H. GRANN, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF WILDLIFE FOREVER

Nedzelskiy is home-schooled, and his mother is his art teacher. "He's performing at an eighth-grade level," she said.

Nikita Samarin of Victoria won the grades 7-9 category with "Down in the Blue," a black-and-white pencil drawing of a blue catfish. Samarin attends Profit

Magnet High School in Victoria. His art teacher is Melanie Burns.

Winner of the grades 10-12 category was Clayton Bowen of Eagle Lake. He attends Rice High School in Altair, where his art instructor is Debbie Christ. Bowen's watercolor shows a Guadalupe bass diving into

the water and is titled "Splashin' Bass."

The Texas division of the national contest is headquartered at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. Initial judging takes place at TFFC, and winning entries are sent to Wildlife Forever headquarters in Brooklyn Center, Minn., for judging at the national level.

Results of the national contest will be announced at the State-Fish Art Expo July 21-22 at the Mall of America, where all winning artwork will be on display.

National awards to be announced at the July expo include Best of Show for the top three pieces of artwork in each grade category and the Art of Conservation Stamp Award.

The winner of the Art of Conservation Stamp Award will be reproduced as a stamp

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## Spinnerbaits, jigs take Thompson to championship

Johnny Thompson of Calera, Okla., caught a two-day total of 10 bass weighing 24 pounds, 7 ounces at Lake Texoma to win the final regular season Wal-Mart Texas Tournament Trail event on May 20.

Thompson took home \$65,000 in cash and prizes, including a boat powered by a 200-horsepower Yamaha or Evinrude outboard.

A field of 200 pros and 200 co-anglers competed in the event.

Thompson caught his bass on a combination of spinnerbaits and jigs thrown around shallow cover in the north end of the lake.

Rounding out the top five pros were Brian Clark of Haltom City (10 bass, 23-10); Landan Ware of Jewett (10 bass, 22-1); Stephen Johnston of Hemphill (nine bass, 21-11); and Keith Combs of Temple (10 bass, 20-13).

Dan Wilson of Pilot Point won the co-angler division title with 10 bass weighing 15 pounds, 12 ounces. He was throwing a Strike King spinnerbait around submerged bushes and other shallow cover.

Rounding out the top five co-anglers were Claude Rabb of Vidalia, La. (seven bass, 14-11); Sisto Salinas of Troy (eight bass, 13-15); Scott West of Forney (four bass, 12-1); and Ronnie Bickham



**JOHNNY THOMPSON** of Calera, Okla., won \$65,000 in cash and prizes at the final regular-season TTT event on Lake Texoma.



**DAN WILSON** of Pilot Point won the Co-angler Division title at the May 19-20 TTT event.

of New Boston (four bass, 12).

The top 50 pros and co-anglers based on year-end points standings will advance to the Texas Tournament Trail Championship Oct. 13-14 on Sam Rayburn Reservoir.

*A FLW Outdoors report.*

## Goodwin-Towers team wins ACATS tourney

No wrapped boats and only a few fishing shirts with the ACATS logo approached the weigh-in station at the ACATS Federation tournament at Lake Limestone on May 19.

Most of the contestants knew each other from past catfishing events.

The crowd, consisting mostly of family members and some local catfish anglers, seemed more concerned with getting some sun and seeing who caught the biggest fish

than prize money.

A few boats came in early and empty. One boat struck a piece of metal and tore the hull. "We didn't know we hit anything," the angler said. "We thought the livewell was leaking, but it was fine — then we knew something was wrong. We were about an inch away from sinking it when we got in."

The team of Nick Goodwin and Joe Towers, both from Groesbeck, captured first place.

The team netted 40.60 pounds with their seven-fish limit, and also brought in the event's biggest fish, a 12.30 pound blue.

"We caught them early in the grass," Towers said. When asked the depth, he then held his hand just above his ankle. "About this deep," he said.

The fish were caught on shad. Second place was won by Roy Ewing and Earl Smith with seven fish totaling 28.13 pounds.

*From staff reports.*

## Shaw-VanDemark sink tourney field

### Team led from wire-to-wire

While the majority of Wal-Mart FLW Redfish Series teams struggled in the finals with a variety of equipment failures, boater congestion and difficulties finding the key bite, the team of Kevin Shaw and Tadd VanDemark were having nothing short of a career day.

After stumbling upon two nice schools of redfish during Friday's competition, the team ran into the tournament-fishing equivalent of a gold mine.

"Today we moved up to the

wake, and we suddenly saw about 1,000 schooling redfish," said Shaw, of Corpus Christi. "It was just unbelievable. The whole lake was red. (VanDemark) looked at me and said, 'Is that a bunch of grass?' I said, 'No, I think it's redfish.'"

"On the first day we caught four fish, yesterday we caught seven, and today we just banded them," VanDemark said. "We just caught great fish today. At one point in the day, I looked

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# GAME WARDEN BLOTTER

## 6-FOOT GATOR GOES TO PRINCIPAL

•Jasper County Game Warden Phillip Wood responded to an early morning call from the Jasper

County sheriff's office. During the night, a 6-foot alligator was found at the home of the principal of the

Jasper Middle School. Wood was able to rope and remove the alligator from the principal's yard.

**ALL SIGNS POINT TOWARD DAMAGED MIRROR**  
 •Edwards County Game Warden Cody Hatfield observed several road signs that had been knocked down by a vehicle. He was able to find a side mirror next to one of the signs and kept it as evidence. He went to the local high school and looked at the students' cars. He found one vehicle with considerable damage and missing the driver side mirror. The mirror found at the scene matched the mirror on the passenger side of the suspect vehicle. Hatfield interviewed the driver and passenger of the vehicle and received statements from each. A total of 21 signs and one deer had been run over. Cases pending.

**WARDEN STAYS BUSY FILING 17 CASES IN TWO DAYS**  
 •Henderson County Game Warden Audie Hamm checked some men from Dallas fishing from the bank of Cedar Creek Lake. Three of the four had no fishing license. One had an outstanding felony warrant, and was arrested and placed in the Henderson County Jail. A pontoon boat was also checked that had an expired West Virginia registration. Of the four people in the boat, two were arrested for outstanding warrants. One of men had four warrants totaling more than \$1,200. A total of 17 cases were filed over a two-day period.

**FISH SURVEY RECORDS MORE THAN 2,000 FEET OF GILL NET**  
 •Zapata County Game Warden Fernando Cervantes was assisting with a fish survey on Falcon Lake when they came upon some unattended gill net. Cervantes and Inland Fisheries Technician Jimmy Cordova seized approximately 700 feet of gill net. That night, Cervantes was patrolling Falcon Lake when he observed a vessel enter Texas waters from Mexico. After a short pursuit, the vessel was abandoned by its

occupants on the Texas shoreline. A commercial fishing vessel from Mexico and approximately 1,500 feet of gill net were seized.

**CITATIONS SURFACE AT SIGHT OF FLOATING EMPTY BEER CANS**  
 •While patrolling Lake Ray Hubbard, Rockwall County Game Warden Jenny Simpson and Dallas County warden Gary Miller spotted a ski boat with several teenagers on the Rockwall County side of the lake. While approaching the boat, the wardens observed empty beer cans floating in the water around the boat. Further investigation revealed all of the individuals in the vessel were drinking with the exception of one male. Citations were issued for minor in consumption, littering and insufficient numbers of PFDs.

**THIS ARREST WAS IN THE BAG**  
 •Bell County Wardens Ronnie Langford and Shawn Moore were patrolling on Lake Belton when they checked some bank fishermen. As they pulled the boat up, Langford noticed one person go to a bag on the bank and place something in it. Langford asked for their fishing licenses. One man replied he did not have one. As Langford got closer, he could smell marijuana. After questioning, the man gave up the marijuana out of the bag. The man also had outstanding warrants in Bell County, and was arrested and placed in jail; cases pending.

**TROTLINE DAY OPERATION CATCHES A BIG HAUL**  
 •District 3 held a trotline day operation on Caddo Lake, collecting 5,000 feet of trotline

and 1,500 feet of gill net. Game wardens participating were Jarrod Bryant, Javier Fuentes, Jon Kassaw, Kirk Permenter, Jennifer Inkster, Lana Caraway, Leanne Winkenwerder and Captain Larry Hand.

**RACCOON SALE ON INTERNET DRAWS BIG RESPONSE, WARDEN**  
 •Travis County Warden Cody Jones responded to a call about a person trying to sell baby raccoons on the Internet on Craigslist. Jones responded to the ad but when he was contacted by the seller, he was told he was seventh in line because he had so much response to the ad. Jones then identified himself as a game warden, and the man brought him the last raccoon. Case pending and raccoon turned over to a rehabilitator.

**HUNTER WOUNDS SELF CROSSING BARBED WIRE FENCE**  
 •Gonzales County Game Warden Jason Davis responded to a hunting accident in a rural portion of the county. The individual was walking across his property hunting varmints when he came to a fence. He leaned a loaded .22 rifle (not on safety) against the fence and attempted to cross. The barbed wire caught the trigger, and the man was shot in the lower abdomen. The victim is expected to make a full recovery. The man had completed Hunter Education.

**HAWK ATTACKS PRIEST, WARDEN GETS LIFT TO SOLUTION**  
 •Milam County Warden Mike Mitchell responded to a wildlife situation that required an innovative solution. At the

Catholic Church in Cameron, the priest was attacked by a red-shouldered hawk that was protecting her nest in a nearby tree. The priest had to go to the hospital and get stitches in his head. The hawk remained a threat to the parishioners and the priests, so Mitchell was called and faced the task of protecting the wildlife and the people. He used the city lift-bucket truck to get him up to the nest and secure the fledgling hawks and relocate them to a rehabilitator so the female would leave the area. To protect himself, he wore the city dog trainer's padded suit and his ATV helmet and goggles. Although he was attacked twice, he was not injured, and three red-shouldered hawks were taken to a Williamson County rehabilitator.

**DEER HUNTERS END UP IN BIG TROUBLE ON JOB SITE**  
 •Polk County Game Wardens Chuck Cotton and Suzanne Cotton apprehended three people who had killed two deer on a job site. They also confessed to stealing two deer feeders. Case pending.

**ABC'S? ... HOW ABOUT ANOTHER TEST?**  
 •Marion County Game Warden Clay Willeford made an arrest for BWI on Lake O' the Pines. The man claimed to have a college degree, but when asked to recite the alphabet, he asked if there was something else he could try. The man refused the intoxilyzer.

**BOATER FLUNKS SOBRIETY TEST HANDS-UP**  
 •Travis County Warden Cody

Jones was patrolling on Lake Travis when he stopped a boat for a water safety equipment check and found the driver to be intoxicated. When Jones administered the Walk and Turn portion of the field sobriety test, the man held his arms out shoulder-high and after several reminders to put them at his side, the man asked, "How do you expect me to keep my balance?" The driver refused to provide a breath sample, was arrested and placed in jail. Case pending.

**WARDEN BRINGS BOATERS SAFELY ASHORE BEFORE STORM**  
 •Refugio County Game Warden Raul Gonzales was returning home from the Fulton Elementary KidFish event and received a 911 call from the Refugio County Sheriff's Department concerning a stranded boat in Copano Bay. Gonzales hooked up his patrol boat and was able to find the distressed boaters shortly before nightfall and strong thunderstorms hit the area. Two people were brought in safely to shore.

**BOY ASSUMED DROWNED FOUND ALIVE, RESCUED**  
 •Warden Robert Levens responded to a report of a 13-year-old boy who had drowned on Inks Lake. Levens arrived to find that the boy was alive and well after being rescued. The boy had been operating a small boat alone when the clamp-on swivel seat failed, throwing him into the water. The boat continued to circle the boy several times as its small outboard motor had no kill switch. The boy, who was wearing his PFD, managed to avoid being injured by the still circling boat until rescued. The boy's father and an unknown boater were instrumental in his rescue.

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## Fire ants

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Gainesville, Fla., are working on commercializing a naturally occurring virus that can kill off colonies of red imported fire ants.

"It's specific to fire ants. It's found in the population naturally," said Steven Valles, a research entomologist at the USDA research center.

Valles said the virus would probably be administered just like the fire ant bait people are familiar with now. If all goes well, the product could be available at home improvement stores in two to four years, he said.

"We've had six or seven companies interested" in developing a product, Valles said, adding the virus-based pesticide would be the first of its kind in the treatment of ants. Viruses are already commercially available to kill caterpillars, he said.

The virus, known as *Solenopsis invicta* virus-1, or SINV-1, has been

found in 20 percent of the red imported fire ant fields, where it appears to cause the slow death of infected colonies. Valles said the virus seems to kick in and cause death when the ants experience a stress, such as extreme cold or very wet conditions.

The trick will be to perhaps use an irritant or increase the number of viral particles to make the virus lethal, he said.

All of this is good news for wildlife, livestock, hunters and ranchers.

For species that are particularly vulnerable — such as South Texas quail — fire ant control could help them rebound, experts said. Not only are fire ants known to kill quail chicks, but also they eat insects quail need to survive.

Fire ants are another nail in the coffin for quail, according to Dale Rollins, a professor and wildlife specialist at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in San Angelo. So any kind of control that could help knock down the fire ant population would be beneficial, he said.

While Rollins said fire ants have

hurt quail, he pointed out that fire ants aren't the only factor in the quail's decline. Habitat changes such as the use of Bermuda grass instead of native grasses are also a culprit, he said.

Brad Dabbert, associate professor in the Department of Natural Resources Management at Texas Tech University, said his research showed that higher quail chick survival rates are possible if the area is treated for fire ants, but survival also depends on ant activity.

Some fire ants are more territorial and aggressive than others, he said. The less aggressive ants would tend to explain why quail appear to be present in some areas where fire ants are present. But like Rollins, Dabbert believes habitat is the key to quail survival.

As for fire ant control, the virus isn't the only biological weapon targeting the pest. Some naturally occurring pathogens and natural enemies found in South America are already in use and waging war against the ant here in the United States.

Scientists have released a protozoan, *Thelohania solenopsae*, that's spreading into Texas and other southern states on its own, according to David Oi, another research entomologist at the USDA center. The single-cell organism causes the ants to get sick and die.

Yet another weapon is the phorid fly, which has also been released in Texas, Oi said. Eggs from the fly hatch into maggots that bore into the heads of their ant hosts and feed on their brains.

These types of biological control can spread over a large area and work well in knocking down ant populations in difficult-to-treat terrain, he added.

"We're trying to add layers," Oi said. "Hopefully these things we're working on will be free — even in your backyards."

Fire ants were accidentally imported into the United States in the 1930s. The stinging insects are blamed for \$1.2 billion in damage in Texas and \$6 billion in damage nationwide.

## Turkey

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looking great."

Chris Lee of Rocking L Outfitters guided hunters in Brooks County near Falfurrias. "We had a good season," he said. "We didn't get the heavy rains during the season like they did in the Hill Country."

"We had one tough weekend — all the birds were henned-up or locked up. There was no sense hunting them early, so we didn't go to the field until nine o'clock and hunted all day."

Nearly all of his 25 customers had success. "Everybody had a close opportunity, but there were a few misses," he said.

Lee said young birds were few and far between this season, but conditions bode well for next year. "We saw three jakes all season," he said. "But we have good vegetation and lots of bugs. Next year ought to be good."

## Baiting

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shoot doves over seed crops that have been recently cut.

They just can't pick up the seeds and scatter them over another field to bait the doves.

But, Smith said, a rule that is frequently violated states that wheat fields used for dove hunting must be planted on schedules recommended by local extension agents.

In the three-county area, that means eight weeks before the first hard freeze or Dec. 1, and it should be either harrowed over or drilled into the soil.

Under that strategy, Smith said, the wheat should be planted the last week of September.

Dove season generally opens the first week of September in Jefferson and Liberty counties and late September in Chambers County.

In these counties, however, farmers have been dropping seed much earlier to make the fields attractive to doves, Smith said.

"It's fine if they want to plant it that way," Smith said, "you just can't hunt over it. The state makes its rules based on the feds."

"We have to be inside their box when it comes to migrating birds and waterfowl."

Smith said the May 8 meeting went well.

"We got along good and we all shook hands at the end," he said, "although some of them may not have liked the message."

"It's like anything that's an old habit. Maybe it's what their dads and their granddads taught them and it's all they know."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regulations point out that agricultural planting, harvesting or post-harvest manipulation must be conducted in accordance with recommendations of the Cooperative Extension Service with regard to planting dates and application rates, which vary in the different regions of Texas.

Brit Featherston, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, has prosecuted illegal baiting cases, although they aren't common. "Before you start hunting over a crop," he said, "check with your local state agricultural agent or your game warden, federal or state."

For information on baiting, go to:

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# Big Time

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some," Hughes said of his son's elation.

The younger Hughes had been deer hunting before, but never saw a deer he could shoot. He declined the guide's offer to dress the deer

and did it himself. The father/son team were through before lunch and headed home.

"It was wonderful. We were just excited to be there and were thoroughly impressed," he said of the trip.

Hughes plans to display his buck's antlers in his living room. As for his son's 8-point buck, "Well, he's having that mounted."

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# Bream

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excursions, a 3-weight o--utfit can lend itself to being a lot of fun and sporting on large bream," said Dr. Norm Tremblay of Fort Worth, who recalled catching his first bream on a cane pole as a child. "This is a species enjoyed by young and old alike. When a large bream turns at a right angle to the pressure point of the line, these fish can feel like giants on very small tackle and light line."

Generally, a 7 1/2-foot to 9-foot 3X leader is strong enough to catch bream yet offers enough abrasion resistance where lots of structure and cover exists, Tremblay said.

Bluegill aren't picky eaters, and most trout flies will work. Bream eat the larval and adult stages of

insects such as mayflies, damselflies, invertebrates, or terrestrials such as crickets, ants and grasshoppers.

Rick Pope, president of Temple Fork Outfitters, said recommend-

**'When a large bream turns at a right angle to the pressure point of the line, these fish can feel like giants on very small tackle and light line.'**

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ed flies include Miss Prissy Poppers, Bream Buster Bugs, Dave's Hoppers, Woolly Buggers, Black Gnats, and Mosquito patterns. Black and chartreuse are the preferred colors.

"When angling for bream, make sure to cast your fly or lure beyond

the bed and retrieve it near or across the bed," Pope said. "The fish prefer shallow water and can easily be spooked. Bream also can take in the fly and exhale it very quickly when guarding their beds so don't hesitate on setting the hook."

When catch-and-release practices are used, bream often reach their full potential, with catches that are difficult to get your hand around.

Though bream make fine table fare, they can reach full maturity in regulated waters. "If anglers will only keep the fish they need and primarily harvest the males of the bream species, then a lake's fish population should stay in balance," Hungerford said. "The males are usually the ones that guard the nest and can be distinguished by a large hump on their head, as well as being more colorful than the females."

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**SMILES OF SUCCESS:** Liz and Todd VanDenmark and Kevin Shaw with Barbara Vanmeter show the team's winning trophies and check. Photo by FLW.

## Redfish

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over at (Shaw) and said, "The smartest thing we did all tournament was when we quit fishing yesterday at 11 a.m. and left our fish alone for today."

In the end, VanDemark and Shaw recorded the only 17-pound stringer of the tournament, bringing their three-day weight total to 48 pounds, 1 ounce — four pounds heavier than the next closest competitor.

Ironically, VandDemark, from Key Largo, Fla., and Shaw had no intention of playing the sight-fish-

ing game at Port Aransas. However, after a routine check of a pool of baitfish during Friday's competition, the duo stumbled upon the first school of redfish they'd seen all week. In a matter of minutes, the two decided to abandon their long-casting techniques and switch to a sight-casting pattern.

Then, after landing a healthy 14-pound, 9-ounce stringer, they decided to lay off their quarry and save it for the finals.

"We didn't think we'd be sight-casting at all during this tournament," said Shaw, whose team used a combination of DOA Cal Series baits and Cajun Thunder gold spoons to land the majority of their

catch. "It was one of the last things on our minds. But it just goes to show you that you have to be versatile out here."

The change in tactics paid big dividends, including a \$50,000 check for first place.

Rounding out the top five teams were Chief Tauzin and Clark Jordan, both of Pearland (six redfish, 44 pounds); Travis Huleman and Peter Young, both of Luling, La. (six redfish, 42 pounds, 14 ounces); Danny Adams and Scott Isbell, both of Rockport (six redfish, 42 pounds, 14 ounces); and Blake Pizzolato, of Montgomery and Dwayne Eschete, of Mandeville, La. (six redfish, 37 pounds, 7 ounces).

## Antlers

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Texas since the 1830s.

To be considered as record-setting in their category, non-typical whitetail deer antlers must score above 185, Balfour

said.

The largest antlers on record scored 333 and seven-eighths points and were found in St. Louis, Mo., in 1981.

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**May 31:** The Best Southwest DU banquet will be held at the DeSoto Holiday Inn. Contact Bonnie Espree at (972) 230-0000 or Bonnie@GovRep.com for information.

**May 31:** The Dallas CCA fundraiser will be held at the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Dallas Love Field. Call Rick or Sandra at (972) 272-9502 for information.

**May 31 - June 3:** The 14th Annual Skeeter Owner's tournament will be held at Lake Fork Marine. Visit www.skeeterboats.com or an authorized dealer for information.

**June 1-2:** NWTf's Women in the Outdoors will hold its Texas State Skeet, Trap and Sporting Clays Shoot at the Houston County 4-H Shooting Sports Facility in Crockett. For information, call Annette Williamson at (936) 544-5356.

**June 2:** The Huxley DU Chapter's Fun Night will be held at Robinson's Lodge on 376 in Huxley. For information, call Mark Robinson at (936) 368-2211.

**June 2:** The Houston RMEF Big Game banquet will be held at the Westchase Marriott at Briar Park and Westheimer. For information, visit www.rmeffhouston.com or call (281) 497-1775.

**June 2:** The 2 of Us Couples tournament will be held at Lake Pat Mayse. For information, call (972) 754-2458 or visit www.fishingworld.com/TwoofUs.

**June 2:** The Nacogdoches County DU Fun Shoot will be held at the Nacogdoches Skeet Club. Contact Gary Moore at (936) 635-5031 for information.

**June 2-3:** Cabela's in Fort Worth will hold a concealed handgun license class. For information, visit www.easychl.com or call (817) 430-0300.



**June 4:** The Kilgore DU dinner will be held at the Kilgore College Student Center. Contact Richard "Doc" Harrison at (903) 983-8224 or texasduckdoc@cablelynx.com for information.

**June 5:** The first Rains County DU dinner will be held at the Heritage Center Building in Emory. For information, contact Randy Duncan at (903) 474-9524 or randall.l.duncan@L-3com.com.

**June 7:** The Fort Worth DU Raffle Night will be held at the Alpine Gun Range. Contact Aric Head at (817) 832-8694 or aric.head@c-

b.com for information.

**June 7:** The Plainview Father's Day Raffle Night will be held at 1001 Ebling Drive in Plainview. For information, contact Danny Glenn at (806) 685-1891 or dannyg@asonline.com.

**June 7:** The New Braunfels DU banquet will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Contact Jason McKey at (830) 629-0594 or jmckey@ducks.org for information.

**June 8-10:** The Grand Opening of the Gander Mountain store in College Station will be held at 2301 Earl Rudder Freeway South. For information, visit www.gandermountain.com or call (979) 693-6412.



**June 9:** NWTf's Women in the Outdoors Pineywoods Chapter event will be held at Rocky Hill Missionary Baptist Church near Lufkin. For information, contact Sandi Pinner at (936) 854-2954 or jspinner@consolidated.net.



**June 11:** The first Tyler County DU dinner will be held at Our Lady of the Pines Family Center in Woodville. For information, call Pete Zinnate, III at (409) 429-8992.

**June 12:** The Houston County DU dinner will be held at Lovelady Exes Student Building on TX 19 South. Call Joe Eddie Blackwell at (936) 544-3455 for information.

**June 15:** The Full Fans on the Brazos NWTf banquet will be held at Canyon West Golf Resort in Weatherford. Contact Mark Worthington at (817) 594-0291 for tickets and information.

**June 15:** The Dallas Safari Club Summer Blast Party will be held at Frontiers of Flight Museum at Dallas Love Field. For tickets and information, call (972) 980-9800 or visit www.biggame.org.



**June 16:** The Dallas Safari Club Sporting Clays Fun Shoot will be held at the Dallas Gun Club. For information, call (972) 980-9800 or visit www.biggame.org.

**June 16:** The Troutmaster Tournament Series Galveston/UpperCoast tournament will be held. The captain's meeting is June 15 at Fishing Tackle Unlimited. Weigh-in will be at the Academy store in League City. For information, call (713) 466-7849 or visit www.fishingworld.com/troutmasters.

**June 16:** The 1st Annual Garland/Mesquite DU golf tournament will be held at Waterview Golf Club in Rowlett. For information, contact John Lane at (214) 677-7405 or garlanddu@yahoo.com.

**June 21:** The Alvin/Pearland CCA banquet will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Pearland. For information, call (800) 626-4222.

**June 21:** The Centex Chapter CCA banquet will be held in Waco. For location and information, call (800) 626-4222.

**June 21:** The San Augustine DU dinner will be held at the San Augustine Rodeo Area Show Barn. For tickets and information, call Ben Miller at (936) 366-0767.



**June 22-24:** The Texas DU State Convention will be held at the Sheraton Austin. For information, visit www.ducks.org/states or contact John White at (325) 236-6726 or jwhite@ducks.org or Rich Knickerbocker at wingmaster56@houston.rr.com.

**June 23:** The Cameron County FONRA Fun Shoot will be held at the Loma Alta Skeet/Trap Range in Brownsville. Contact Narciso Cortez at (956) 541-3159 or narcisocortez@earthlink.net for information.

**June 23:** The Boone and Crockett Club's Big Game Awards banquet will be held at the Doral Tesoro Hotel in Fort Worth. For information and tickets, visit www.booneandcrockettclub.com or call (406) 542-1888.

**June 29-30:** The TWA Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa. For information, visit www.texas-wildlife.org/convention.htm or call (800) 839-9453.

**June 30 - July 1:** The Falcon Lake "Legends" Bass Tournament "Hall of Fame" will be held at Oso Blanco Lodge in Zapata. Registration is June 29 from 4 - 10 p.m. For information, contact the Zapata County Chamber of Commerce at (956) 765-4871 or zapatachamber@bluemoon.cc.

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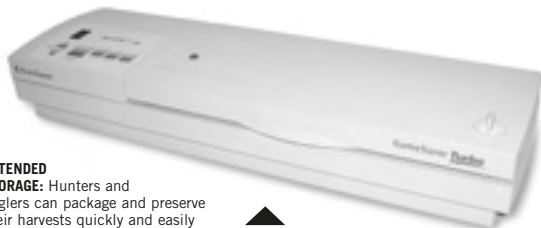
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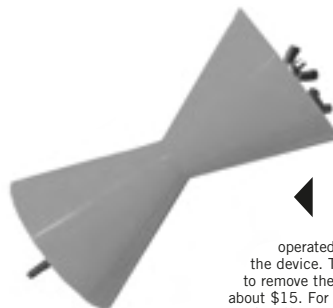
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## HOT BITES

### LARGEMOUTH BASS



**BROWNWOOD:** Black bass to 4 pounds are excellent on flukes, buzzbaits, spinnerbaits, 4" Finesse worms on jiggyhead jigs near docks, and on crankbaits along the main lake shoreline in 8 feet.

**STILLHOUSE:** Black bass to 5 pounds are excellent on purple/black soft plastics.

**PROCTOR:** Black bass to 5 pounds are excellent on minnows, soft plastics, crankbaits, and spinnerbaits.

### WHITE/HYBRID/STRIPER



**BRAUNIG:** Striped bass are excellent on live and perch off points near the pier, and down-rigging spoons near the dam and jetty.

**BROWNWOOD:** White bass are excellent on L'il Fishies and minnows off lighted docks.

**RAY ROBERTS:** White bass are excellent on jigging spoons and Baby Torpedoes - lots of surface activity.

### CATFISH



**BRAUNIG:** Channel and blue catfish are excellent on shrimp, cheese bait, cut bait, and liver near the dam.

**CALAVERAS:** Channel catfish are excellent on liver, shrimp, cheese bait, and shad.

**LIVINGSTON:** Blue catfish are excellent on shad.

**PROCTOR:** Channel and blue catfish are excellent on shad.

### CRAPPIE



**CEDAR CREEK:** Crappie are good on jigs around boathouses and over brush piles.

**FORK:** Crappie are good on minnows and jigs under the bridges and over brush piles.

**LBJ:** Crappie are very good on minnows and white Curb's crappie jigs over brush piles in 10 feet.

**LIVINGSTON:** Crappie are good on minnows.

### BREAM



**TOLEDO BEND:** Bream are good on crickets and nightcrawlers.

**ALAN HENRY:** Water lightly stained; 78 degrees. Black bass are good along brush lines on shad-colored spinnerbaits and crankbaits, dark jigs and green pumpkin soft plastics in brush. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

**AMSTAD:** Water clear; 71 degrees. Black bass are good on Senkos, crankbaits, and topwaters. Striped bass are good on redfins. Yellow catfish are good on live perch.

**ARROWHEAD:** Water lightly stained; 70 degrees; 4.7' low. Black bass are good off rock points and rip rap on spinnerbaits or swim blade baits and chatter baits 4-7 feet deep. Crappie are good during post spawn and have moved near derrick close to shore. White bass to 17 inches are good trolling and near dam. Catfish are good along upper west side on punchbait or juglines baited with cut shad or carp.

**ATHENS:** Water off color; 72-77 degrees; 0.5' high. Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits, brown/chartreuse shallow running crankbaits, and pumpkinseed finesse worms.

**BASTROP:** Water lightly stained. Crappie are good on minnows and L'il Fishies over brush piles. Channel and blue catfish are good on live bait, liver, and frozen shrimp.

**BELTON:** Water clear; 64 degrees; 2.82' high. Black bass are good on white spinnerbaits, minnows, Rat-L-Traps, and Sassy Shad. Hybrid striped are good on minnows at night. White bass are good on minnows at night. Crappie are good on minnows at night. Yellow catfish are good on live bait and frozen shad.

**BOB SANDLIN:** Water stained; 71-77 degrees; 7.77' low. Black bass are good drop shot rigs and spinnerbaits.

**BRAUNIG:** Water stained; 76 degrees. Redfish are good on perch, shad, and silver spoons.

**BROWNWOOD:** Water stained; 72 degrees; 0.04' high. Crappie to 1.5 pounds are good on L'il Fishies in 2-10 feet. Channel catfish are good on live bait. Yellow catfish to 20 pounds are good on live bait.

**BUCHANAN:** Water clear; 72 degrees; 11.65' low. Black bass are good on topwaters. Bleeding Shad lipless crankbaits, and weightless wacky rigged green pumpkin Whacky Sticks with chartreuse tails along break lines of creek bluffs early in 4-12 feet, and areas with submerged brush in pockets of creeks. Striped bass are good on topwaters and Rat-L-Traps at first light in 20-30 feet, jigg white bucktail jigs, and drifting live bait through schools. Channel catfish are good on live bait and cut bait.

**CADD:** Water stained; 72-78 degrees; 0.63' high. Black bass are fair on Texas rigged motor oil 7' worms, Senkos and shallow running crankbaits. Catfish are good on night-crawlers.

**CALAVERAS:** Water stained; 76 degrees. Striped bass are good on spoons and stripers jigs near the dam and the crappie wall, and on chicken livers and shad near the dam and power lines. Redfish are excellent down rigging silver and gold spoons in 10-20 feet, on live perch, tilapia, and crawfish near the power lines, and on live bait along the crappie wall. Blue catfish are good on cut bait and liver near 181 Cove and the railroad bridge.

**CANYON LAKE:** Water clear; 74 degrees; 0.99' high. Black bass are good in flooded bushes early in 2-4 feet, and on Texas-rigged watermelon red worms, topwaters, and pumpkin 1/4oz. jigs in 6-12 feet along bluff ledges. Smallmouth bass are good on root beer grub/craws and smoked tubes along main lake points and ledges in 10-15 feet.

**CEDAR CREEK:** Water stained; 71-76 degrees; 0.01' low. White bass are good on TailHummers and slabs around points and over humps. Catfish are good drifting cut shad and liver.

**CHOKE CANYON:** Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 6.27' low. Black bass to 10 pounds are good on deep running crankbaits and watermelon red lizards, and fair on spinnerbaits. Channel and blue catfish are good on punchbait.

**COLEMAN:** Water clear; 68 degrees; 1.71' low. Black bass are good on watermelon red soft plastic lizards, crankbaits, and electric blue worms.

**CONROE:** Water stained; 0.08' high. Black bass are good on watermelon red and pumpkinseed Texas and Carolina rigged soft plastics and spinnerbaits. Striped bass are good on minnows and chartreuse stripers jigs. Catfish are good on stinkbait, frozen shrimp, and nightcrawlers.

**FALCON:** Water stained; 77 degrees. Black bass are good on watermelon and watermelon red topwaters and shallow running crankbaits. Channel and blue catfish are very good on stinkbait, liver, and frozen shrimp.

**FAYETTE:** Water lightly stained; 83 degrees. Black bass are good on shad patterned shallow running crankbaits and Texas and Carolina rigged soft plastic worms in 4-20 feet.

**FORK:** Water off color; 72-77 degrees; 0.98' low. Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits and topwaters early and late, and midday on chartreuse/brown Rat-L-Traps and nail rigged watermelon seed trick worms. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and prepared baits.

**GRANBURY:** Water stained; 0.71' low. Black bass are good on watermelon red and chartreuse soft plastics, crankbaits, and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs. Catfish are good on stinkbait, liver, and frozen shrimp.

**GRANGER:** Water clear; 76 degrees; 0.66' high. White bass are good on slab spoons in 12-15 feet. Crappie are good on chartreuse jigs in 5-15 feet. Blue catfish are good on shad on shallow windy points and wooded areas.

**GRAPEVINE:** Water stained; 71-76 degrees; 1.3' high. White bass are good on Humdingers and slabs. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

**GREENBELT:** Water lightly stained; 67 degrees; 12.75' low. Black bass are good on firetiger crankbaits, gold/black back lipless crankbaits, white spinnerbaits, watermelon soft plastics, and live bait. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are good on live bait and crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are good on jerk baits and live bait. Walleys are good on crankbaits and live baits. Catfish are good on cut baits.

**HOUSTON COUNTY:** Water stained; 85 degrees; 0.74' high. Black bass to 7.5 pounds are good on silver/black Baby Long A's and dark soft plastic worms in 3-5 feet. Crappie are good on live minnows in 15 feet. Bream are good on live worms off piers.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** Water lightly stained; 70 degrees; 11.25' low. Black bass are good on shad-colored spinnerbaits and crankbaits, dark jigs, and black neon soft plastics, and live baits. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass and hybrid striped are good on live baits. Catfish are good on cut and live baits.

**JOE POOL:** Water off color; 69-75 degrees; 0.18' high. Black bass are fair on pumpkinseed lizards, medium running firetiger crankbaits and spinnerbaits.

**LAKE O' THE PINES:** Water stained; 70-74 degrees; 0.66' high. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cheese bait.

**LAVON:** Water off color; 70-75 degrees; 0.59' low. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs around structure.

**LBJ:** Water stained; 73 degrees; 0.18' low. Channel catfish are good on minnows and dip bait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch and carp.

**LEWISVILLE:** Water stained; 72-76 degrees; 0.44' high. Black bass are fair to good on medium running chartreuse/brown crankbaits, Texas rigs and spinnerbaits. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

**LIVINGSTON:** Water fairly clear; 70 degrees; 0.54' high. Black bass to 3.5 pounds are good on crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Striped bass are good but small on pet spoons, hellbenders, slabs, and Rat-L-Traps. White bass are good on pet spoons, slabs, hellbenders, and Charlie

**MACKENZIE:** Water lightly stained; 68 degrees; 4' low. Black bass are good on white spinnerbaits and live baits. White bass and striped bass are good on live bait. Walleys are good on slabs tipped with minnows. Catfish are good on live baits.

**MEREDITH:** Water lightly stained; 67 degrees; 28.35' low. Black bass are good on shad-colored crankbaits, black/blue jigs and soft plastics, and live bait. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are good on live bait and crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are good on small crankbaits and live bait. Walleys are good on jerkbaits and slabs tipped with minnows. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

**NASWORTHY:** Water lightly stained; 71 degrees. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are good on live baits. Catfish are good on cut shad.

**PALESTINE:** Water stained; 72-76 degrees; 0.69' high. Black bass are good on green pumpkin lizards, spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps in 1-4 feet. White bass are good on Humdingers.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water clear; 71 degrees; 1.1' low. Black bass are good shallow near Rock Creek and back of Caddo Creek cove on Texas rigged 6-inch watermelon/pepper fleck soft plastic lizard baits. White bass are good near Carter Bend jigging with silver slabs and trolling with striped bass being caught.

**PROCTOR:** Water lightly stained; 66 degrees; 0.82' high. Striped bass are good on chartreuse stripers jigs and minnows. White bass are good on minnows and shad colored crankbaits. Crappie to 2 pounds are excellent on minnows.

**RAY HUBBARD:** Water stained; 71-76 degrees; 0.55' high. Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits, green weightless flukes and firetiger crankbaits. White bass are good on Humdingers and chrome topwaters.

**RAY ROBERTS:** Water stained; 74-78 degrees; 4.4' low. Black bass are good on Yum Soosies and Bomber Square As around milfoil. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs over brush piles and around isolated trees. Catfish are good on prepared baits.

**RICHLAND CHAMBERS:** Water off color; 71-75 degrees; normal pool. Black bass are good on Texas rigs and spinnerbaits, with a topwater bite early and late. White bass and hybrid striped are good on Humdingers, slabs and live shad. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs around brush. Catfish are good on prepared baits.

**SAM RAYBURN:** Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; 0.03' low. Black bass are fair. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait.

**STILLHOUSE:** Water fairly clear; 75 degrees; 0.13' high. White bass are good on minnows in the channel.

**TAWAKONI:** Water stained; 72-76 degrees; 6.45' low. Catfish are good on cut bait.

**TEXOMA:** Water off color; 70-72 degrees; 1.76' high. Striped bass are good on live shad in 15-30 feet. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut shad.

**TOLEDO BEND:** Water stained; 80 degrees; 0.99' low. Black bass to 8 pounds are good on soft plastic worms and crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs over baited holes in 12 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 72 pounds are good on trotlines baited with live bait.

**TRAVIS:** Water stained; 76 degrees; 7.72' low. Black bass to 4 pounds are good on chrome chuggers, green pumpkin worms, and grubs in 5-22 feet.

**WEATHERFORD:** Water muddy; 70-73 degrees; 1.42' low. Black bass are good around docks and on rocky points. Crappie are good in the crappie house and around boat slips. Channel catfish are good on worms and dough bait, especially on the north end. White bass are good on Little George's and Road Runners. Bream are good on worms.

**WHITNEY:** Water stained; 2.57' high. Black bass are good on watermelon, watermelon red, and pumpkinseed Texas and Carolina rigged soft plastics and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are good on minnows and L'il Fishies. Catfish are good on frozen shrimp and stinkbait.

**WICHITA:** Water clearing; 72 degrees; full at spillway. White bass and hybrid striped bass are good on artificial lures, minnows or live shad and bobber north side and near dam. Channel catfish are good in shallows along north side on punchbait.

## HOT SPOT



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Water lightly stained; 71 degrees; 16.65' low. Black bass are good on live baits, shad-colored spinnerbaits and crankbaits, dark jigs and soft plastics along brush lines. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live baits. Smallmouth bass are good on jerkbaits and live baits. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

## SALTWATER SCENE



**NORTH SABINE:** Trout and redfish are good while drifting the middle of the lake on fire tiger and plum soft plastics. Croaker, black drum and flounder are good on jigs tipped with shrimp while drifting the shell.

**SOUTH SABINE:** Trout are good off the pier at night on live shrimp under a popping cork, and while drifting the shell on live shrimp and red shad and glow/chartreuse plastics. Sheepshead and redfish are good at the jetty on shrimp.

**BOLIVAR:** Trout are good on tandem L'il Fishies and glow/chartreuse Bass Assassins at Rollover Pass and in the surf. Redfish are good on live shrimp over shell along the shorelines and in the surf.

**TRINITY BAY:** Trout are fair while drifting deep shell on red shad, glow/chartreuse and plum plastics. Some trout have been caught under birds.

**EAST GALVESTON BAY:** Redfish are good along the shorelines on live shrimp and red shad Hogies and DOA Shrimp.

**WEST GALVESTON BAY:** Trout are fair to good on the deeper shell reefs on live shrimp under a popping cork and pearl/chartreuse Sand Eel Jr's, Trout Killers, Hogies and Bass Assassins.

**TEXAS CITY:** Trout, redfish and flounder are fair to good on the Dollar Flats and off the end of the dike on live shrimp under a popping cork and red/white and pearl/white Norton Sand Eels, Trout Killers and Bass Assassins. Sand trout, croaker, gafftop and whiting are good on fresh dead shrimp.

**FREEPORT:** Trout, redfish and sand trout are good at the jetties on live shrimp under a popping cork. Black drum and sheepshead are good on live or fresh dead bait around structure.

**EAST MATAGORDA:** Trout are good on live shrimp while drifting shell. Redfish are fair to good on the shell on live shrimp under a popping cork.

**MATAGORDA:** Redfish are good along the shorelines. Trout, redfish and black drum are good on live shrimp under a popping cork in Oyster Lake and at Shell Island.

**PORT OCONNOR:** Trout are good on live shrimp under a popping cork. Redfish are fair to good on the deeper shell reefs. Trout and redfish are good on topwaters at high tide on the shorelines. Bull redfish are good at the jetty on shad.

**ROCKPORT:** Trout are good around Taylor and Mud Islands and from Allyn's Bright to Long Reef on live croakers, shrimp, topwaters and plum plastics. Redfish are good on live shrimp and cut mullet on the Estes Flats.

**PORT ARANSAS:** Trout are fair around Pelican Island on red shad Bass Assassins, Trout Killers and Sand Eels.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Trout and redfish are fair to good at Shamrock Cove on Top Dogs on an incoming tide. Trout are good while drifting shad and grass on shrimp.

**BAFFIN BAY:** Trout are good on live shrimp and croaker at the Land Cut. Trout are good in the Land Cut and at the mouth of Baffin on morning glory Bass Assassins, Sand Eels, Trout Killers, croakers and live shrimp.

**PORT MANSFIELD:** Trout and redfish are good for drifters around the Saucer on bone and chartreuse Top Dogs and black soft plastics. Trout are good on sand and grass in West Bay.

**SOUTH PADRE:** Redfish are good on She Dogs and Super Spook Jr's along the grassy shorelines. Trout and mangrove snapper are good in the channel on live bait.

**PORT ISABEL:** Trout, redfish and black drum are good on live shrimp under a popping cork at the Gas Well Flats. Trout are good on plastics on the grass beds.

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**SCALING THE WALLS:** Billy Bass lining the walls and ceiling of the Flying Fish come in all shapes and sizes. Some are painted pink, have beads, wigs and are draped in the Texas flag. The "World Record Billy Bass" sits in the center surrounded by wall-to-wall "buddies." Photo by David J. Sams.

## Billy Bass

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hung upside-down from the ceiling. The Billy Bass reached its height of popularity in 2000 and 2001. The motion-detecting fish moves its head and sings songs like "Take me to the River" and "Don't worry, be happy" when someone passes by. "We had to take the batteries out of them though," Richardson said. "Some of the young kids thought it was fun to push all of the buttons, making all of the bass talk at once.

But some of the customers didn't appreciate it." The idea is now a staple of the Flying Fish, which has additional restaurants in Garland and Memphis — with one soon to open in Fort Worth. "Customers bring in the Billy Bass, fill out adoption papers and get a certificate — kind of like with the old Cabbage Patch dolls," Richardson said. "They receive a free catfish basket for the donation." Men usually aren't the donors. "Almost all of them are brought by

women," Richardson said. "Most of them ask us to please get this out of their attic — or garage — or house, and they all tell us, 'If he comes looking for it, don't tell him it's here.'" Youngsters also bring them in. "They like the certificate — and the free catfish basket," he said. Other Billy Bass have been donated in memory of an old fishing partner, or in honor of sons or relatives fighting in Iraq. The numerous plaques have confused some customers. "One big-haired Dallas lady pulled up in a red

Cadillac and tried to buy one here," Richardson said. Representatives from the manufacturer came out as well. "They brought us a talking deer," Richardson said. "But that didn't work out." Some of the Billy Bass are painted pink, many have beads, some are draped in the Texas flag, some have wigs, and there are a few "skeleton" Billys. The "World Record Billy Bass" holds the center position. The fishing theme holds forth throughout the restaurant. All employees wear fishing shirts with

"We Catch and Release into Real Hot Grease" embroidered on the backs. "We started with employees wearing hunter orange caps," Richardson said. "And then a good customer, John Barnes, who is the president of a lure company, noticed and gave us all orange caps with the Strike King Lures' logo." The "Liar's Wall" is filled with fishing photographs brought in by customers. "Many of these are brought in by fishermen who lost a fishing buddy," Richardson said. "When they come back in they say it brings back good memories."

## Party Boats

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lot of the customers learn what the limit is the morning they are on the boat." Once the snapper limit is reached, the boat pursues other fish. "The customers like chasing the variety of fish," he said. "Take the Atlantic spadefish for example — when the customer can see the fish, see it take the bait, then the fish pulls like crazy, and they're good to eat — the customers are happy." "On Saturday we stopped at a buoy and three ling came into view, the largest being around 90 pounds. We didn't catch any of them, but everyone's heart rate went up." Last weekend's trips reported: Saturday — 83 fishermen — 91 snapper to 12 pounds, 12 lane snapper, 12 triggerfish, 12 blue runners, 1 Warsaw grouper, 1 gag grouper. Sunday — 73 fishermen — limits of snapper from 6-11 pounds, 1 ling — 25 pounds, 1 small kingfish. (Buoy station No. 42035, 22 nautical miles East of Galveston, shows a water temperature of 76.5 degrees.)



**MIKE RICHARDSON** with a ling that hit a free-lined sardine behind a shrimp boat. Photos by Patrick Lemire.

Calm seas along the coast have been helpful in letting the boats explore more areas. "The water has been beautiful, a bit dirty but flat calm," said Sandra Fudge of Woody's Sport Center in Port Aransas. Aboard the *Island Queen II*, anglers have been catching small blacktip and spinner shark, a few red drum that average 25 inches, as well as gafftop, whiting and sand trout using dead shrimp and squid. The boat has been fishing the end of the jetties and inside the ship channel. As for snapper fishing on their offshore



**PAT LARSON** with a blackfin tuna caught on a shrimp boat drift.

boats, "people are complaining about the new red snapper limits," she said. "It is making them mad because they are spending all that money, but they do get to go out and look for more fish." (Buoy station No. 42019, 60 nautical miles South of Freeport, shows a 77-degree seawater temperature.) In the valley, Rick Legere of the *Osprey 1* & 2 boats reported catches of red snapper from 18-20 inches with one 18-pounder caught recently. They have also brought in a 120-pound bull shark and a few kingfish. Other species include dolphin, triggerfish, strawberry and gag grouper and one blackfin tuna. Most of the fish are being caught on squid and herring and some snapper are being taken on jigs. "The seas have been calm, usually from 3 to 5 feet lately," Legere said. (National Data Buoy Center Station No. 42002 east of South Padre Island reports a water temperature of 82 degrees.) Contact information: • Patrick Lemire's Saltwater Adventures, Galveston (409) 515-0621; • Captain John Party Boat, Galveston (409) 762-8808; • Woody's Sport Center, Port Aransas (361) 749-5252; • Osprey Fishing Trips, South Padre Island (888) 867-7739. From staff reports.

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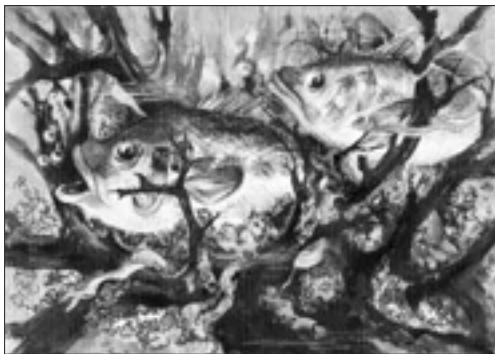
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Second place in the grades 4-6 category went to Jessica Zhuge of Pearland. Third place was won by Rama Imad of Houston.

In grades 7-9, the second-place winner was Amalie Arambula of Mabank. Third place went to Jesus Gudino of Pasadena.

In grades 10-12, Kenneth McDaniel of Angleton took second place and Tiana Hargrave of Athens won third.

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**C.W. RAETZSCH** holds up 28- and 29-inch speckled trout he caught at Baffin Bay within 20 minutes of one another while wading with Capt. Jimmy Marshall.



**CHUCK MARTINEZ** and **THOMAS FORSBERG** show off an estimated 50-pound black drum caught by Martinez on live shrimp in St. Charles Bay near Rockport.



**KEITH L. HALL** of Wills Point shot this boar on private land near Wills Point.



**JOSEPH HABEN**, a youth member of the Dallas Safari Club, with his first turkey. He shot the 28-pound turkey in Crockett County. The tom had a 10 7/8-inch beard.



**MARK SCHEURER** poses next to a grizzly bear he shot near Kaltag, Alaska.



**SAM TAYLOR** of Grapevine with a bass he caught at Lake El Salto, Mexico.

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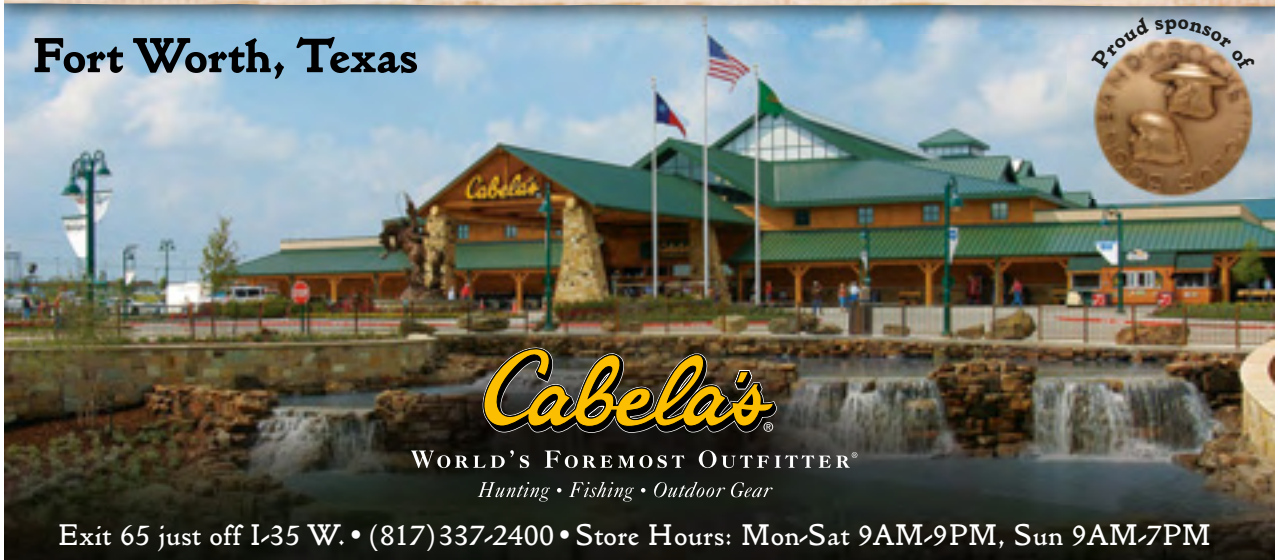


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